

10 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : U.S. Student Press Association Request for
Orientation Briefing from the Agency

1. In my view we should respond to the letter from the Coordinator for the College Editors Conference by inviting the Conference to select 25 representatives, on a "press pool" basis to a two-hour "off-the-record background" on the nature and purpose of intelligence and the mission of the Agency.

2. The meeting should be held at Headquarters with Bus transportation provided via Agency jitney. Ideally, the presentation should begin with short (5 or 10 minute) introductory remarks by the Director, after which he would depart. The DD/I would then give a 40-45 minute talk on the Agency followed by a 30-40 minute question period. I would undertake the organization and coordination of the affair.

3. No one can guarantee there won't be unpleasant moments, but I believe such a session on balance, would be of benefit to the Agency.



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Coordinator for Academic Relations

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TO: Mr. Proctor

DATE: 11 January 69

FROM:

SUBJECT: Student Editors Request for Agency Briefing

REMARKS:

Attached is the letter that Mr. Smith said was discussed at the Director's meeting on 8 January.

I asked Jake Goodwin for a copy so that we could get views and recommendations. had not heard of the matter previously.

Jake says that he told the editors' representative that the Agency was considering the request, but he could not promise that the Agency would accommodate their interest. Colonel White apparently is not averse.

comments and recommendations are attached. He thinks we should arrange a two hour session with a group of about 25 representatives. The main burden would, of course, fall on the DDI.

(Jake says that the editors are scheduling sessions with State, Defense, and other Departments. About a hundred have signed up to go to the Pentagon.)

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If you believe ☐ proposal
merits further consideration, I
suggest you pass it to Mr. Smith.

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